

# Stockton's Connections to Galloway Township

2022-2023





## **Galloway-Specific Activities**

### **On-Campus Events**

- Galloway Police and Firefighters participate in annual crisis tabletop exercises coordinated by Stockton Public Safety.
- Stockton hosts various nonprofit organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, Rescue Mission, the Director of Youth Services for the City of Atlantic City, and the Boy Scouts of Galloway Township, as well as additional philanthropic connections with groups such as the Absecon-Galloway Rotary Club.
- **Noyes Summer Camp** is held annually at the Stockton Art Gallery in July. Most of our students attending are from Galloway. 2023 was the 16th year of the camp, with four weeks of educational programming. We serve children ages 5-13 and we are planning to expand into a teen art camp next year with an animation theme.
- **Pinelands Short Course** is held annually for all age groups providing a day-long educational program exploring the unique history, ecology and culture of the Pinelands.

## Off-Campus Events

- Service-Learning experiences in Galloway
- Stockton coordinates rotating seasonal exhibitions at Seaview Dolce Resorts. Along with these free art exhibitions, we also host opening receptions where the public is welcome to meet the artist and enjoy some light refreshments.
- Stockton Maple Project: Judy Vogel has a partnership with Galloway Township Middle School for maple syrup. Debby
  Somers, retired Galloway Township Middle School Science teacher (and Stockton alumna) is the Education Specialist for
  the Stockton Maple Syrup Project. The outreach program involves 15 southern New Jersey schools. Multiple presentations
  throughout pre-K to high school classrooms.

## **Connections to K-12 Schools in Galloway Township**

 The Atlantic Community Charter School in Galloway, in collaboration with NAMS faculty and Stockton Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning (SCCESL) staff, hosted students on campus in November 2022, where students toured science laboratories, conducted experiments involving soil and water demonstrations, visited the Stockton area for Forest Management and Wildlife demonstrations.

- Stockton's Marine Field Station hosted eight grade students in May, where Stockton faculty and staff hosted activities with students.
- Stockton Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning: While there is not a SCCESL-sponsored Homework Completion Program in Galloway, Stockton has a connection with Atlantic Community Charter School. The SCCESL supports the NAMS faculty in their engagement with the Atlantic Community Charter School.

#### **Volunteer Service**

- **Stockton Farm** has participated in the Galloway Green Farmer's Market since 2017. The market runs every Thursday from June through September at Historic Smithville Village.
- **Brian Tyrrell**, professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies, has coached soccer for 17 years in Galloway and also coaches basketball.
- **Phil Kening**, instructor of Business Studies and Marketing, is a member of the Galloway Township Police Athletic League Executive Committee from 2008 to present. The organization offers youth basketball, track and volleyball leagues for local kids. Phil has also been the Volleyball Director for the Galloway Police Athletic League from 2004 to present. He runs volleyball programs for 120 local girls ages 9 to 18 at Galloway Township Middle School.
- Church By the Bay (224 E. White Horse Pike, Galloway)
  - During Spring Break 2023, a group of students assisted Church by the Bay with organizing their clothing distribution and food pantry.
  - Volunteers distribute meals to veterans and seniors in need. Home-cooked meals, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and more are provided. We also donate to local older adults to supplement their monthly meals. Other locations that receive assistance are the Unitarian Universalist Church (75 S. Pomona Road, Galloway) and Veterans Haven in Winslow.
- **Circle K International:** Students in the Galloway Campus create crafts, cards, and resources for local organizations. Most of these projects get donated to organizations in the surrounding community.
- Stockton Honors Program: Students at the Galloway campus volunteer for various activities.
- Active Minds: Students create art-based projects that involve writing positive affirmations and messages for students to wear and see across campus.
- Environmental Club hosted biweekly roadside cleanups (Jimmie Leads Road).





## **Southern Regional Institute & Education Technology Training Center (SRI&ETTC)**

- The Galloway Township Public School District was one of the founding members of the Southern Regional Institute and Educational Technology Training Center (SRI&ETTC), joining in 1997, and has been a member of the Center since that time. The district utilizes the SRI&ETTC for much of its professional development for K-8 educators including workshops in curriculum, instructional practices, special education, technology, computer science and school leadership.
- The Galloway School District has been a partner LEA (Local Education Agencies) for three different grants received by the School of Education and SRI&ETTC in the past 20 years. These grants, which were funded by the New Jersey Department of Education, provided the school district with more than \$50,000 in services and resources to support teachers' instruction in core curriculum areas.
- The district participates in the Atlantic County Traumatic **Loss Coalition**, a program at the SRI&ETTC which is funded by the NJ Division of Mental Health Services and administered by the Traumatic Loss Coalitions for Youth Program at Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care. The Traumatic Loss Coalition for Youth of Atlantic County provides educators, mental health and law enforcement personnel with a vital, supportive structure for networking to benefit our children and youth. The coalition provides assistance to school personnel as they manage significant losses and traumatic events that impact the school community.
- The school district's Child Study Team members meet monthly at the SRI&ETTC during the school year to review current cases and consider new practices to support the needs of students receiving services through the CST.

**Administrators from the Galloway Township Public** Schools use the SRI&ETTC for their Back-to-School Retreat each August. Due to a scheduling conflict, the space was not available this year and we were able to arrange space for them on the Galloway campus on Aug. 23, 2023.

## **Stockton University's MLK Day of Service Events**

#### Off-campus service projects in Galloway

- Church by the Bay: Volunteers sorted and hung clothing, organized hygiene kits, and helped to serve meals. (224 E. White Horse Pike, Galloway, NJ)
- Atlantic County Animal Shelter: Volunteers painted animalthemed murals inside the shelter.
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church: Volunteers helped paint the church hall and store the new supplies in the storage room.

#### On-campus service projects connected to Galloway

- Los Latinos Unidos: Students decorated pencil cases with school supplies for local school children.
- Stockton University School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Volunteers helped tour the science buildings for visiting grade schoolers, followed by a fishing knot-tying activity and bait demonstration.
- Social Work Club: Volunteers made buttons to spread positive affirmations.
- Murphy Writing Center: Volunteers scanned Murphy Writing Center's archive of paper documents to create a digital archive.
- Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority Incorporated: Presentation on the impact of everyday acts of service and giving back to the communities. Students used sticky notes to write positive and inspirational messages for students and wrote positive and uplifting letters to them. The jars with the messages were given to the students of GOALS Gear Up program (high school students from ninth to 12th grade)

- Sigma Sigma: Wreath-making for extended care facilities.
- GetFIT Program
- · The Cares Office
- The Argo
- Disability Studies Minor Tabling
- Bob Dylan Fest

## **Sports-Related Activities/Training Camp**

- Stockton Women's Basketball Team
  - Held an elite camp on Aug. 6 for players entering grades 9-12 who want to improve their skills for play at the high school level through instruction from the Stockton women's basketball coaching staff and student-athletes.
  - Hosted three youth camps for the local community this summer. The camps were open to children entering grades 3-8. The camps are designed to improve each camper's overall game through skills and drills, positional work and games.
  - Visited Galloway Township Middle School as part of Anti-Bullying campaign this past March.
- Special Olympics. Host various events on campus, partnering with the Atlantic County Special Olympics.
- Additional clinics for high school boys who are interested in playing college baseball. Participants work with current Stockton players and staff.

#### Additional Camps

- Stockton Women's Basketball Boys & Girls Youth Camps
- Score by the Shore Field Hockey Camp
- Stockton Men's Basketball Prospect Clinic
- Stockton Women's Lacrosse Prospect Camp
- Stockton Women's Lacrosse Youth Clinic
- Stockton Baseball Youth Camps
- Stockton Volleyball Camp
- Stockton Volleyball ID Clinic
- Track & Field Youth Running Clinic
- Track & Field Sprints/Hurdles/Jumps/Throws
- Under 8 Youth Field Hockey Tournament
- Osprey Showdown Field Hockey Tournaments
- Stockton Field Hockey Clinics
- Stockton Women's Soccer ID Clinic
- Stockton Boys Lacrosse Spring Clinics
- Stockton Softball Prospect Clinic

## South Jersey Activities which have likely impacted Galloway residents

#### **On-Campus Events**

 2023 Highland Academy Summer Camp is back at Stockton University. Our camp provides every camper with unique opportunities to learn through play. Activities and challenges vary by age, interest, and individual talents. We offer a safe, fun, and loving environment that encourages new friendships, sportsmanship and personal growth.





- Stockton University's CSI Summer Camp is a nonprofit program where campers work as part of an elite team of investigators and professionals to solve a murder. Campers are involved with every phase of the legal process, from the crime scene investigation to the criminal murder trial. Every camp session features a different murder case.
- The Summer Entrepreneurship and Business Academy (SEBA) at Stockton University School of Business is designed to provide a unique platform for area high school students to appreciate and get handson learning about the basics of entrepreneurship and business.
- **Community and Veteran Wellness and Resource Fair** (March 2023; 200 attendees): Partnership between Stockton University's Military & Veterans Success Center and the Wilmington Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Delaware. Goal of the event was to connect veterans and members of the community to the right people to set them up for success.
- Special Olympics Floor Hockey Tournament Annual Floor Hockey Tournament played by Special Olympics athletes.
- Red Cross Blood Drives community blood drives, happen 3-4 times a year.
- Southern Shore Boy Scout Merit Badge Fair Annual event that gives scouts an interactive opportunity to begin or explore a topic in a small group setting with knowledgeable Merit Badge Counselors and guest speakers from Stockton University.

- Atlantic Prevention Resources Conference covered current drug trends and included several presentations regarding stigma.
- **Southern NJ Development Council Construction** Forecast - SNJDCs annual exhibit that focuses on upcoming construction projects in the southern eightcounty region of New Jersey.
- Hopeloft Overnight Summer Program Non-profit that houses people and projects dedicated to solving serious social problems.
- Rotary District 7505 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards overnight conference
- **Torch Leadership Academy Nonprofit organization** that hosts a four-day leadership program at Stockton University, free of cost for over 60 rising sophomore, junior, and senior high school students.
- NJ DOS Business Action Center State of NJ major information day, 45 -50 government and non-profit groups who would do intake from residents coming from Atlantic, Cape May, Southern Ocean and western Cumberland counties.
- **Jefferson Health HIV Planning Group General** Assembly meeting
- Alcove Grief Center Alcove to provide an eight-week grief support program for our students.
- Dare to Dream Conference Dare to Dream is a positive and empowering experience that highlights strategies to promote self-advocacy skills for middle and high school students with disabilities.

- AtlantiCare ERG Diversity Banquet Employee Resource Groups (ERG's) are a part of AtlantiCare's commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- It's a Sign of the Pines Over 80 talented Pine Barrens "Celebrities" will be on hand to sign their books, display their artwork or craft, play their music and in general, share their love of the Pine Barrens!
- Stories of Atlantic City This project has three storytelling stations that encompass telling your story, writing a hand-written note to a community member, creating buttons/pins that promote the project, and learning about how even a small button can become a storytelling opportunity.

#### **Course-Related Activities**

- Carla Cabarle, associate professor, Accounting, has
  for several years taught a G-course, GIS 4648 Women
  in Leadership, which carries a service-learning attribute.
  Below is a summary of the projects her students
  completed in Spring 2023:
  - Say No, Know No: Goal was to raise awareness and funds for RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network). The group designed t-shirts, made bead bracelets and keychains, procured unstuffed plushies (donated by instructor), and held an event on campus to raise awareness about sexual assault. The event and fundraiser raised over \$460 which helped over 500 victims through RAINN.
  - Human trafficking: Goal was to raise awareness and funds to support NCMEC (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children) in its goal to combat human trafficking. Procured and sold unstuffed plushies (donated by instructor), baked goods, keychains, stickers and made blue ribbon pins at a one-day tabling event on campus. \$330 was raised and donated to NCMEC.
  - Avanzar Women's Shelter: hosted a kickball tournament to raise awareness and collect women hygiene products for the Avanzar Women's Shelter in Atlantic City. The Shelter assists rape victims, domestic abuse victims, and trafficked victims. Used funds (donated by instructor) to purchase hygiene products and award prizes for tournament winners.

#### **Volunteer Service**

Vincent Cicirello, professor of Computer Science and chair
of the Computer Science Program, is serving as a judge for
the 2nd Congressional District's 2023 Congressional App
Challenge which is an annual app development competition
for middle school and high school students that takes place
every fall. Vincent was also a judge for the competition from
2020-22.

## **SCOSA (Stockton Center on Successful Aging**

- SCOSA Aging Festival (May 2023) open to the community: Day-long event organized by SCOSA. Drew about 350 community members from Atlantic, Cape May and Ocean counties. Breakout sessions about healthy eating habits/ tips, exercise, using smart phones. Had over 40 exhibitors/ vendors.
- Time to Tell Memoir Writing: Personalized instruction with monthly meetings to help you chronicle your life stories.
   Creative writing styles, including poetry and photographs, can also be used to tell stories.

#### • Upcoming SCOSA Events

- Japanese Shinrin-yoku: "Forest Bathing" for Unity and Harmony: 45-minute walk through the forest around Lake Fred and Pomona Road.
- Demystifying DAR Applications: A Genealogy Center Webinar. Interested in connecting with your Revolutionary War ancestors? In addition to her practice as a professional genealogist, Kelley Conner Lear has served as a volunteer researching and submitting hundreds of successful NSDAR applications. Kelley will discuss specifics of connecting to existing patriots, establishing new ones, and strategies for overcoming the dreaded "red-lined" lineages. Whether you're submitting a firsttime application, or a "supplemental," join us to take notes on best practices and give your application its best shot.
- SCOSA: Driving Safety for Older Adults: An ASA Webinar.
   Families often turn to professionals for guidance and insights on how to talk about driving and the best approach to taking away the keys. Join this webinar to learn about the importance of developing a plan to help older adults move out of the driver's seat, when necessary, while still remaining engaged with friends, family and community.



